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RE: U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/697,532  
For: A SURFACE COVERING PANEL  
Our Ref.: 3620-064-01

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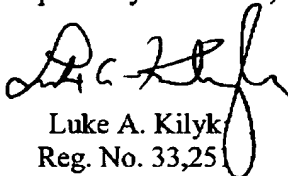
Sir:

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner William Watkins for extending the courtesy of a personal interview of the application with the inventors, Hao Chen and Richard Judd, and Applicants' representative, Luke A. Kilyk (Reg. No. 33,251) on July 10, 2006. During the interview, claims 1-39 were discussed in view of the applied art, Hansson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,465,046 B1) and Casto (U.S. Patent No. 1,947,459). Applicants and Applicants' representative pointed out that Casto does not show a form of printing because Casto's textured structure is filled with a pigment and its final appearance results from a coating treatment and that Hansson et al. nor Casto show any print in registration and there is no motivation to alter the steps of Hansson et al., as well as other reasons provided in the Request for Reconsideration dated May 10, 2005.

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